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**-- 2008 ELECTION DATES --**  
**AUGUST 5 PRIMARY**  
**NOVEMBER 4 GENERAL ELECTION**

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All listed dates are in 2008 unless otherwise specified. Refer to Michigan compiled law for cited provisions <[www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org)>. Dates are subject to change through legislative action. If any errors are found, it is the law, itself, which must be followed.

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| <b>By Jan. 8</b>                 | City and township election commissions finalize precinct boundaries for 2008 election cycle. (168.661)   |
| <b>By Jan. 31</b>                | Annual Campaign Statements filed. Books close Dec. 31, 2007.   |
| <b>By Feb. 7</b>                 | Last date precinct boundary alterations made for 2008 election cycle can go into effect. (168.661)   |
| <b>By Mar. 1</b>                 | Republican and Democratic state party chairpersons notify county and district committee chairs of county convention delegate (precinct delegate) allocation requirements. (168.623a)   |
| <b>By 5:00 p.m.,<br/>Mar. 24</b> | Incumbent Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court judges file Affidavit of Candidacy and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 27. (168.409b, 413a, 414, 433a, 434, 467c, 467d)   |
| <b>By Apr. 1</b>                 | County political party chairpersons certify number of delegates per precinct to county election commissions. (168.623a)  |
| <b>By Apr. 7</b>                 | Qualified political parties certify to Secretary of State any change in vignette for the August primary. (168.684)   |
| <b>Apr. 22</b>                   | Vacancies occurring in judicial offices on or before this date must be elected this year. (168.409l, 424, 444, 467m)   |
| <b>By 4:00 p.m.,<br/>Apr. 29</b> | Candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court or Probate Court judgeships file nominating petitions, Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 2. (168.409b, 409c, 413, 414, 433, 434, 467b, 467d) |

<b>May 2</b>	Last date a recall petition can be filed in order for recall question to appear on August primary ballot. (168.963)
<b>By May 6</b>	Challenges against nominating petitions filed by candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court positions submitted. (168.552)
<b>By 4:00 p.m., May 13</b>	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file an Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county, city or township in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 16. (168.624, 624a)
<b>By 4:00 p.m., May 13</b>	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 16.
<b>By May 13</b>	Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
<b>By May 19</b>	City and township clerks forward copies of Affidavit of Identity forms filed by candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) to county clerk. (168.624)
<b>By May 19</b>	City and township clerks forward names and addresses of partisan and nonpartisan candidates to county clerk. (168.321, 349)
<b>By May 20</b>	Challenges against nominating petitions filed by partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) submitted. (168.552)
<b>By May 27</b>	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the August primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)
<b>By 5:00 p.m., May 28</b>	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to initiate legislation filed with the Secretary of State (304,101 valid signatures required). (168.471)
<b>By Jun. 6</b>	Board of State Canvassers certify candidates eligible to appear on August primary ballot to county election commissions. (168.552)
<b>Jun. 6</b>	Final date cities and townships can establish, move or abolish a polling place for the August primary. (168.662)
<b>By Jun. 6</b>	Republican and Democratic Parties call fall state conventions. (168.591)
<b>By Jun. 6</b>	Constitutional amendments and legislative referendums which the legislature wishes to place on the August primary ballot presented to Secretary of State. (Art. 12, Sec. 1)

<b>By Jun. 21</b>	County clerks deliver absent voter ballots for the August primary to local clerks. (168.714)
<b>By Jun. 21</b>	County committees of Republican and Democratic Parties call county conventions. (168.592)
<b>Jun. 26 through Jul. 15</b>	Precinct inspectors for August primary appointed by city and township election commissions. (168.674)
<b>By Jun. 30</b>	Notice of close of registration for August primary published. (168.498)
<b>By 5:00 p.m., Jul. 7</b>	Incumbent Supreme Court Justice files Affidavit of Candidacy for the November general election. (168.392a)
<b>By Jul. 7</b>	Qualified political parties certify to Secretary of State any change in vignette for November general election. (168.684)
<b>Jul. 7</b>	Last day to register for August primary. (168.498)
<b>By 5:00 p.m., Jul. 7</b>	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to amend the State Constitution filed with the Secretary of State (380,126 valid signatures required). (168.471)
<b>By 4:00 p.m., Jul. 17</b>	District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) (397.181) (Special note: If district library includes a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 12.)
<b>By 4:00 p.m., Jul. 17</b>	Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 21. (168.590c)
<b>By 4:00 p.m., Jul. 17</b>	New political parties file petitions to qualify for November general election ballot (38,013 valid signatures required). (168.685)
<b>By Jul. 21</b>	City and township clerks forward names and addresses of candidates without political party affiliation to county clerk. (168.321, 349)
<b>By Jul. 24</b>	Qualifying petition signature challenges filed with filing official. (168.552)
<b>By Jul. 25</b>	Pre-Primary Campaign Statements due. Books close Jul. 20.
<b>By 4:00 p.m., Jul. 25</b>	Write-in candidates other than write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (168.737a)
<b>By Jul. 26</b>	County clerks deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies for August primary to local clerks. (168.714)
<b>By Jul. 29</b>	Notice of August primary published. (168.653a)

<b>By Jul. 31</b>	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
<b>Aug. 1</b>	Last date a recall petition can be filed in order for recall question to appear on November general election ballot. (168.963)
<b>By 4:00 p.m., Aug. 1</b>	Write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (As an alternative, candidates for precinct delegate may file form with appropriate precinct board on election day before the close of the polls.) (168.737a)
<b>By 2:00 p.m., Aug. 2</b>	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for the August primary by mail submit absent voter ballot applications. (168.759)
<b>Up to 4:00 p.m., Aug. 4</b>	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for August primary may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
<b>By Aug. 5</b>	Minor parties hold county caucuses; notify county clerk of nominated candidates within one business day after caucus. (168.686a)
<b>By Aug. 5</b>	Minor parties hold state conventions; notify Secretary of State of nominated candidates within one business day after convention. Pre-Convention Campaign Statements due 11 days before convention (books close 16 days before convention); Post-Convention Campaign Statements due 30 days after convention (books close 20 days after convention). (168.686a)
<b>Up to 4:00 p.m., Aug. 5</b>	Emergency absentee voting for August primary. (168.759b)
<b>Aug. 5</b>	<b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b>
<b>1:00 p.m., Aug. 6</b>	Boards of county canvassers meet to canvass August primary. (168.821)
<b>By 4:00 p.m., Aug. 12</b>	Local School Board candidates, Community College Trustee candidates and District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 15. (168.303; 397.181; 389.152) (Special notes: If district library does not include a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on Jul. 17. Candidates seeking a Wayne County Community College Trustee position file by 4:00 p.m. on May 13.)
<b>By Aug. 12</b>	County clerks notify precinct delegates elected at August primary; certify delegate names and addresses to chairpersons of county committees. (168.608)

<b>By Aug. 12</b>	Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
<b>Aug. 13 through Aug. 30</b>	Republican and Democratic Parties hold fall county conventions. (168.592)
<b>By Aug. 19</b>	Boards of county canvassers complete canvass of August primary; county clerks forward results to Secretary of State within 24 hours. (168.581, 822, 828)
<b>By Aug. 25</b>	Board of State Canvassers meet to canvass August primary. (168.581)
<b>By Aug. 26</b>	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the November general election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)
<b>By Sept. 4</b>	Post-Primary Campaign Statements due. Books close Aug. 25.
<b>By Sept. 5</b>	Republican and Democratic Parties hold fall state conventions. Pre-Convention Campaign Statements due 11 days before convention (books close 16 days before convention); Post-Convention Campaign Statements due 30 days after convention (books close 20 days after convention). (168.591)
<b>Sept. 5</b>	Final date cities and townships can establish, move or abolish a polling place for the November general election. (168.662)
<b>By Sept. 5</b>	Constitutional amendments and legislative referendums which the legislature wishes to place on the November general election ballot presented to Secretary of State. (Art. 12, Sec. 1)
<b>By Sept. 20</b>	County clerks deliver absent voter ballots for November general election to local clerks. (168.714)
<b>Sept. 25 through Oct. 14</b>	Precinct inspectors for November general election appointed by city and township election commissions. (168.674)
<b>By Sept. 29</b>	Notice of close of registration for November general election published. (168.498)
<b>Oct. 6</b>	Last date to register for November general election. (168.498)
<b>By Oct. 24</b>	Pre-General Campaign Statements filed. Books close Oct. 19.
<b>By 4:00 p.m., Oct. 24</b>	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the November general election. (168.737a)

<b>By Oct. 25</b>	County clerks deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies for November general election to local clerks. (168.714)
<b>By Oct. 28</b>	Notice of November general election published. (168.653a)
<b>By Oct. 30</b>	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
<b>By 2:00 p.m., Nov. 1</b>	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for the November general election by mail submit absent voter ballot applications. (168.759)
<b>Up to 4:00 p.m., Nov. 3</b>	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for November general election may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
<b>Up to 4:00 p.m., Nov. 4</b>	Emergency absentee voting for November general election. (168.759b)
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</b>
<b>1:00 p.m., Nov. 5</b>	Boards of county canvassers meet to canvass November general election. (168.821)
<b>By Nov. 18</b>	Boards of county canvassers complete canvass of November general election; county clerks forward results to Secretary of State within 24 hours. (168.822, 828)
<b>By Nov. 24</b>	Board of State Canvassers meet to canvass November general election. (168.842)
<b>By Nov. 24</b>	Political parties in counties of less than 1.5 million hold county conventions; within 30 days after conventions, officers of county committees are selected. (168.599)
<b>By Dec. 4</b>	Post-General Campaign Statements filed. Books close Nov. 24.
<b>2:00 p.m., Dec. 15</b>	Electoral College members elected in Michigan meet in State Senate Chambers. (168.47)
<b>Jan. 2, 2009 through Feb. 15, 2009</b>	Executive committees appoint county committees in counties under 1.5 million. (168.599)
<b>By Feb. 2, 2009</b>	Annual Campaign Statements filed. Books close December 31, 2008.